



# IDAHO CROP WEATHER



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## FIELDWORK INTERRUPTED BY RAIN

Rain showers during the middle of the week interrupted fieldwork for many throughout the state. Precipitation levels were reported above normal across much of the state. Eastern areas received up to 1.12 inches of rain. For the week ending April 23, reports indicate that farmers had an average of 4.9 days suitable for fieldwork. According to the Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service, major activities during the past week involved planting small grains, potatoes, onions, dry peas, lentils, corn and sugarbeets, moving cattle and sheep to early spring pasture, applying herbicides, and irrigating.

### CROP REPORT

Planting of spring wheat, barley, potatoes, and sugarbeets continue to progress rapidly ahead of last year and the five year average. Lentils and dry peas planted are also progressing rapidly ahead of last year and the five year average.

Spring wheat emerged as well as barley and sugarbeets emerged are ahead of last year and the five year average. Winter wheat is 28% jointed, while spring wheat is 2% jointed and spring barley is 3% jointed. Some alfalfa fields were reported to be damaged by cutworms in Franklin and Butte county. Reports indicate that topsoil moisture was 2% very short, 18% short, 71% adequate and 9% surplus.

### CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES

	Planted %			Emerged %		
	2000	1999	Avg.	2000	1999	Avg.
Onions	92	99	94	38	46	37
Dry Peas	54	33	20	6	10	7
Oats	31	27	30	4	5	9
Lentils	22	6	6	-	-	-
Corn	10	11	7	-	-	-

### CONDITION INFORMATION

Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	0	2	14	70	14
Irr. Water Supply	0	1	18	51	30
Range & Pasture	3	1	32	52	12

### LIVESTOCK REPORT

Livestock conditions were reported to be excellent for the week ending April 23. Spring calving and lambing are close to completion as reports show Calving to be 98% complete, and lambing to be 97% complete. Hay and roughage supplies were reported to be 13% very short, 10% short, 72% adequate, and 5% surplus.

## CROP PROGRESS REPORT PERCENTAGES FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 23, 2000

Crop	North			Southwest			South-Central			East			State		
	2000	1999	Avg	2000	1999	Avg	2000	1999	Avg	2000	1999	Avg	2000	1999	Avg
Spring Wheat															
Planted . . . . .	71	30	19	99	94	98	98	86	92	70	48	51	77	55	59
Emerged . . . . .	17	10	6	89	84	74	75	66	55	22	10	14	34	23	25
Barley															
Planted . . . . .	62	27	18	99	98	93	91	76	86	60	23	26	69	37	40
Emerged . . . . .	16	7	6	86	78	65	86	51	44	10	2	4	31	16	15
Potatoes															
Planted . . . . .	NA	NA	NA	91	60	54	52	38	27	5	4	4	24	17	14
Sugarbeets															
Planted . . . . .	NA	NA	NA	99	92	89	93	60	75	72	29	52	91	60	75
Emerged . . . . .	NA	NA	NA	65	9	29	19	7	10	39	1	6	31	6	15

Avg (1995-1999); NA = Very Small Percentage of Acreage in District

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# Weather Data For The Week Ending Sunday, April 23, 2000 <sup>1/</sup>

Station	Temperature <sup>2/</sup>				Growing Degree Days <sup>4/</sup>			Precipitation (Inches)				
	High	Low	Ave.	Dept. <sup>3/</sup>	40E Base	50E Base To Date	Normal	Total	Dept <sup>3/</sup>	Month of April	March 1 To Date	Normal
<b>North</b>												
Coeur D'Alene	70	36	53	2	264	57	6	0.23	-0.17	2.09	4.83	3.60
Lewiston	76	38	56	5	486	123	14	0.27	-0.01	1.03	2.38	1.90
Sand Point	68	32	51	5	177	13	0	0.22	-0.26	1.59	5.02	4.44
<b>Southwest</b>												
Boise	72	38	56	6	448	116	0	0.32	0.04	0.98	3.47	2.24
Caldwell	72	41	57	5	502	150	29	0.07	-0.15	0.45	1.96	1.82
Emmett	73	38	55	4	408	95	10	0.26	0.01	0.72	2.34	2.17
Mountain Home	73	36	55	5	366	77	0	0.32	0.13	0.60	2.05	1.72
Parma	76	40	58	7	457	122	5	0.52	0.31	0.82	2.28	1.82
Weiser	75	40	58	8	479	137	1	0.29	0.11	1.52	2.74	1.85
<b>Southcentral</b>												
Buhl	73	40	55	5	360	86	1	0.43	0.23	0.64	1.82	1.53
Burley	79	39	54	7	385	90	0	0.26	0.04	0.60	0.87	1.51
Hill City 5/	68	33	--	--	143	9	0	0.14	-0.08	0.25	1.17	1.86
Hagerman	78	38	56	2	404	98	62	0.02	-0.11	0.22	1.00	1.50
Malta 5/	73	32	--	--	340	82	15	0.12	-0.08	1.06	1.20	1.37
Twin Falls	73	37	53	6	322	56	0	0.36	0.13	0.56	2.20	1.76
<b>East</b>												
Aberdeen	76	34	52	7	178	32	0	0.21	0.00	0.33	0.55	1.28
Grace	72	30	48	5	203	41	0	0.26	-0.08	1.29	2.27	2.36
Idaho Falls	72	35	50	6	192	19	0	1.12	0.89	1.91	2.82	1.54
Malad City	75	34	54	8	388	98	0	0.00	-0.28	0.00	0.01	1.97
Pocatello	74	34	52	5	250	33	0	0.43	0.14	0.73	1.56	2.10
Rexburg	70	36	52	5	190	25	0	0.44	0.17	0.53	0.77	1.98
Salmon	72	30	51	7	273	37	0	0.04	-0.17	0.14	0.25	1.10

1/ Weekly summary provided by the Western Regional Climate Center with data reported by the National Weather Service. When data is quality controlled by the National Climate Center the accumulated growing degree days and precipitation values are updated. 2/ -- indicate missing or incomplete data 3/ Departure from normal. 4/ Totals from March 1. Growing degree days are estimated from neighboring sites for stations with missing or incomplete data. 5/ Precipitation totals are only for days reports were received, no estimates were made for missing data.

## Daily High/Low Four Inch Soil Temperatures

Station	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday		Sunday		Average <sup>1/</sup>	
	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low
Buhl	63	50	65	51	58	48	60	47	--	--	64	48	63	47	62	49
Emmett	64	55	67	54	--	--	69	57	69	60	72	59	67	59	68	57
Parma	52	50	52	50	53	51	53	53	53	52	51	50	52	49	52	51
Sandpoint	47	40	53	44	56	45	55	46	55	46	57	48	53	46	54	45
Twin Falls	58	47	56	48	54	48	54	46	61	45	63	48	59	48	58	47

1/ Averages are only for days reports were received. -- Missing or Incomplete Data.